

**BLADES GROUNDWATER SITE  
BLADES, DELAWARE**

**BACKGROUND:**

- EPA proposed the Blades Groundwater site to the NPL on November 8, 2019. The public comment period closed on January 7, 2020, with only four comments being received, none of which opposed listing the site.
- On December 5, 2019, Region 3 and the Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control hosted a well-received public meeting in Blades to discuss the proposed NPL listing. Several media outlets were present at the meeting.

**KEY POINTS:**

- Scoping of the remedial investigation is underway in anticipation of the NPL listing.
- Current sampling has identified metals and PFAS in three public drinking water supply wells and eight residential wells.
- There is ongoing, successful treatment of the Blades public water supply and residential wells to remove metals, PFOA, and PFOS. The city of Blades' drinking water continues to meet Federal and State Safe Drinking Water Act standards, as shared in water quality reports.

**TALKING POINT:**

- EPA is reviewing the public comments and expects to make a decision on the proposed listing this spring.